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PATENT OPERATION**

In re Application of: Kazutoyo MAEHIRO

Serial No.	:	09/820,539	Group Art Unit	:	3713
Filed	:	March 29, 2001	Examiner	:	Unknown
For	:	Game Machine, Server System, Information Service Method and Recording Medium			

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT AND
STATEMENT OF RELEVANCE**

Dear Sir:

Applicant submits this Information Disclosure Statement ("IDS") in accordance with its duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §§1.56 and 1.97-1.98. This IDS is being filed pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c), before issuance of a first Office Action on the merits. Also attached are copies of the cited references, together with a listing thereof on Form PTO-1449. Applicant respectfully solicits the Examiner's consideration of the cited references and entry into the record of this application.

Each reference in a foreign language includes an English-language Abstract, and for several of the foreign language references, Applicant provides a translation of selected portions of the specification (including translations of text associated with selected figures).

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It is believed that the Abstracts and the partial translations fulfill the requirement of a concise explanation of the relevance thereof.

This IDS is being submitted in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §§1.56 and 1.97-1.98, but the citation of references should not be construed as an admission that such references are necessarily relevant or are prior art. No representation is intended that the cited references represent the results of a search, and it is anticipated that the Examiner, in the normal course of examination, will make an independent search for prior art, consistent with 37 C.F.R. §1.104 and, in the course of such search, will review for relevance each and every reference cited on the attached Form PTO-1449.

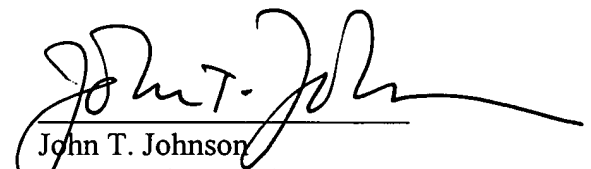
Also enclosed is a Foreign Search Report (dated March 18, 2002) issued during prosecution of a foreign counterpart application. All of the references cited in this search report are enclosed.

This IDS has been submitted prior to the receipt of a first Office Action in this application. Accordingly, it is believed that no fee is due. In the event that a first Office Action was mailed on or before the date of submission of this disclosure statement, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees to Deposit Account No. 50-0521. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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